

City secondary school celebrates 'good' Ofsted rating

A CITY secondary school with a 'relentless focus on improving the quality of teaching' has been given a 'good' rating by Ofsted.

New College Leicester, in Glenfield Road, was previously rated as requiring improvement, but has now been praised by inspectors for 'establishing a culture of high expectations, where improvement is rapid.'

The report says stronger leadership and management has resulted in improved teaching, learning and assessment. They also praised the school's 'keen and enthusiastic' staff.

Pupils' behaviour was also rated as good, with pupils speaking positively about their school experience, 'because they feel supported and valued.'

Principal Jane Brown said: "We're delighted with these findings from Ofsted, which are the result of tremendous dedication from the staff at New College Leicester, along with the hard work and enthusiasm of our students, governors and everyone associated with the school.

"It's really important to us that New College Leicester is a place where our students can achieve to their full potential and it's our job to create the culture and opportunities to allow them to do that. Our strong focus on teaching standards mean both teachers and students have high expectations of themselves, which is driving our improvement."

Deputy city mayor Cllr Sarah Russell, who leads on education, said "This is great news for New College, clearly demonstrating the hard-working ethos at the school. I congratulate everyone who has played a part in this result."